

2009 Ultra High Relief Double Eagle Gold Coin Sales to End December 31

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WASHINGTON — Sales of the 2009 Ultra High Relief Double Eagle Gold Coin will end on December 31 at 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Customers may order the 2009 Ultra High Relief Double Eagle Gold Coin until December 31 at the United States Mint's secure Web site, <http://www.usmint.gov/catalog>, or by calling 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

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The obverse (heads side) design of the one-ounce \$20 coin, which is struck in 24-karat gold, features Liberty, represented by a statuesque woman striding forward. The reverse (tails side) design depicts a young eagle flying during a magnificent sunrise. The coin is encased in a protective capsule and mounted on a wood platform housed in a velvet-lined, highly lacquered, mahogany wood box that bears inscriptions in a font similar to those used in the early 1900s, when the original coin was produced.

Included with each coin is an official hard-cover, companion book that chronicles the story of the original \$20 1907 Double Eagle gold piece, and describes the modern technologies and processes that the United States Mint used to perfect the legal tender 2009 version. The book is not sold separately.

Sales for the 2009 Ultra High Relief Double Eagle Gold Coin began on January 22, 2009 – a special collectible resulting from modern 21st century digital design technology. To date, sales of the coin have exceeded 108,961 units.

The 2009 Ultra High Relief Double Eagle Gold Coin was a culmination of the vision President Theodore Roosevelt and renowned sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens shared for our Nation's coinage at the turn of the last century. When the original coin was created in 1907, the minting process did not allow for the mass-production of ultra high relief coins. As a result, despite being called the most beautiful coin ever minted in the U.S. and perhaps the world, Saint-Gaudens' artistic vision for the gold piece was not fully realized until 102 years later.

Through 21st century design and technology, the United States Mint was able to digitally map Saint-Gaudens' original coin plasters and update his ultra high relief sculpture. These updates include the year "2009," which is depicted in Roman numerals (MMIX); the addition of four stars to represent four additional states; and the addition of the inscription IN GOD WE TRUST, which was not on the 1907 version.

Customers may read much more about this unique coin and its history, as well as watch a special video and tour a virtual exhibit, by visiting the United States Mint's Web site at </learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-eagle>.

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